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FM AMEMBASSY BEIRUT
TO AMEMBASSY MOSCOW
SECSTATE WASHDC 6517
INFO USMISSION GENEVA
AMCONSUL LENINGRAD
AMEMBASSY ROME

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SUBJECT: ARMENIAN REFUGEES

REF: MOSCOW 13970

1. FOLLOWING BACKGROUND ON ARMENIAN REFUGEE APPLICANTS IN LEBANON FOR INFO EMBASSY MOSCOW: 203(A)(7) APPLICANTS IN BEIRUT ARE BEING PROCESSED BY ORDER INITIAL REGISTRATION DATE WITH LOCAL VOLAGS. INS OFFICERS VISIT LEBANON PERIODICALLY FOR INTERVIEWS. CONSIDERABLE BACKLOG OF APPLICANTS HAS DEVELOPED. PROCESSING TIME FOR NEW CASES LIKELY TO BE WELL OVER ONE YEAR.

2. ARMENIAN APPLICANTS ARE AWARE PROCESSING DELAYS AT BEIRUT. USMISSION GENEVA HAS NOTED CONTINUING INCREASE NUMBER APPLICANTS USING ROME INSTEAD OF BEIRUT FOR PROCESSING. WE UNDERSTAND SOME REACH ROME DIRECTLY FROM SOVIET ARMENIA, BUT MOST TRANSIT BEIRUT OR PROCEED TROME AFTER APPLYING INITIALLY IN BEIRUT.

3. FOR DEPT: EMBASSY HAD NOT BEEN AWARE RESTRICTIVE LEBANESE
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VISA POLICY REGARDING SOVIET ARMENIAN APPLICANTS PRIOR

RECEIPT REFTEL. CONTACT IN LOCAL ARMENIAN COMMUNITY HAS INFORMED US THAT HE HAS HEARD LEBANESE EMBASSY MOSCOW HAS REPORTEDLY BEEN REFUSING VISA APPLICATIONS FOR PAST SEVERAL WEEKS ON GROUND THAT CONSUL IS "ON VACATION."

4. IF INDEED RESTRICTIVE POLICY IS BASED ON GOVERNMENT DECISION, EMBASSY DOUBTS THAT IN VIEW CURRENT AGGRAVATED CRISIS SITUATION IN LEBANON, HOPES FOR RAPID RECONSIDERATION OF POLICY WOULD BE PRACTICAL.

5. FOREIGN MINISTRY IS IN INSECURE PART OF BEIRUT AHD HAS BEEN VIRTUALLY NONFUNCTIONAL LAST TWO WEEKS. WILL RAISE MATTER ASAP.
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